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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



Applicants: EZUMI, et al.  
Application No.: 10/058,957  
Filed: January 30, 2002  
Allowed: February 3, 2004  
For: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD  
Group: 1754  
Examiner: C. Cooke

**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

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March 3, 2004

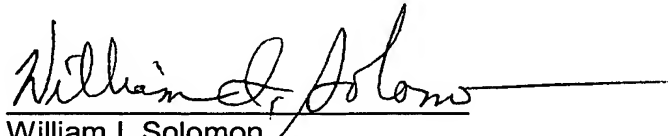
Sir:

The undersigned notes the Interview Summary for the telephone interview conducted on January 14, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. The undersigned confirms that the substance of the interview was an agreement reached during this interview, to cancel non-elected claims 12-15 without prejudice or disclaim; and, in particular, such cancellation of the non-elected claims is without prejudice to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof.

The foregoing constitutes the necessary Statement referred to in the Interview Summary enclosed with the Notice Of Allowance And Fee(s) Due mailed February 3, 2004.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 648.41112X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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